

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Mayor demands “No more rubbish events”**

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Bayside Council will review the bond paid by park hirers following Bicentennial Park being left in an appalling state after a community function last weekend.

Mayor Bill Saravinovski said Council’s ratepayers will no-longer foot the bill to clean up after groups who show no respect for Bayside’s parks and other community facilities.

“I am extremely disappointed about this, I want to know why on our annual Clean Up Australia Day, one of our major parks was left looking like the old Tempe Tip. I would expect that anyone, person or organisation, holding an event in our parks would respect these valued community facilities.”

Irate Rockdale residents inundated Council with complaints about the amount of rubbish left in Bicentennial Park, some taking to social media to condemn the council.

“I can accept the resident’s criticism,” he said “And I am taking all this feedback on-board,” he said “But Council is not doing the rubbishing ... we are cleaning up after inconsiderate users who clearly disrespect our public spaces.”

“They didn’t arrive to a park full of litter and left over food, but that is how they left it,” Mayor Saravinovski said.

The Mayor has called for an urgent review of the fees and charges applied to large scale events held in public spaces.

“I want to know exactly how much this clean-up job cost our ratepayers,” he said “I will discuss what is an acceptable fee to charge hirers to discourage this type behaviour with my fellow Councillors.”

Mayor Saravinovski said the fee would be refundable if the hirer did the right thing and left the park or facility as they found it.

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